

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN JOHN (JACK) W. ROSS**, on March 2, 2005 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Christopher Harris, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jim Peterson, Chairman (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 751, 2/17/2005; HJ 25,
2/15/2005; HJ 26, 2/15/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HJ 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:36 REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HJ 26, Study state financial reliance on fed funds; implications of fed budget deficits.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:05:24 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT](#) (nah46a01)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:23 REP. BROWN
00:09:40 REP. CLARK
00:13:30 VICE CHAIR ROSS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:14 REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66 closed the hearing on HJ 26.

HEARING ON HJ 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:46 REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HJ 25, Study effects of wildfire smoke on human health.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:19:14 Don Vidrine, Department of Environmental Quality
00:19:50 Terry Chute, United States Forest Service

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:12 REP. JOPEK
00:22:09 REP. CLARK
00:23:58 REP. BARRETT
00:25:14 REP. CLARK
00:28:09 REP. BARRETT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:14 REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2 closed the hearing on HJ 25.

HEARING ON HB 751

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:34 REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 751, Clarify ground disturbance and buffer zones for construction permits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:10 Phil Maxwell, Three Rivers Communications
00:43:42 Jeff Feist, General Manager, Montana Telephone

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:07 Linda Stoll, Public Health Officers for Seven Counties
00:45:50 Bonnie Lovelace, Chief, Water Protection Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality

[EXHIBIT \(nah46a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(nah46a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(nah46a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:50 REP. JOPEK
00:51:40 REP. DICKENSON

00:53:37 CHAIRMAN PETERSON ARRIVED AT MEETING

00:55:11 REP. BARRETT
00:57:40 REP. CLARK
01:04:08 REP. BARRETT
01:07:51 REP. GUTSCHE

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:56 REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2 closed the hearing on HB 751.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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